

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8018

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Economic Development, Trade & Management, February 23, 2007

Brief Description: Requesting that the Philippines Consulate be established in Seattle, Washington.

Sponsors: Senators Kastama, Shin, Kline and Weinstein.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Management: 2/23/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & MANAGEMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Clements, Kauffman and Shin.

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Background: Washington is a significant trading partner with the Philippines. There are more than 65,000 Filipino-Americans in Washington State.

Summary of Bill: The Legislature requests the support of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, for the establishment of a consulate in Seattle.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: After World War II many Filipinos chose to become citizens of Washington State. The Filipino community in Washington is an important part of the state's community and workforce. This joint memorial offers a way to continue to strengthen the bond between Washington State and the Philippines.

Persons Testifying: Senator Shin, co-sponsor; Velma Veloria; former Washington State Representative.

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